

**CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL**

**Monitoring Council Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

First Floor, Training Room 1 East/West  
Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento



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<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND HOUSEKEEPING</b>	10 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	1) Introductions (in the room and on the phone) 2) Review draft notes from August 18, 2017 Monitoring Council meeting 3) Review agenda for today's meeting	
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	a) Approve August 18, 2017 Monitoring Council meeting notes b) Preview what will be covered today and overall meeting expectations c) Adjust today's agenda, as needed	
<b>Attachment Links:</b>	<a href="#">Draft notes from August 18, 2017 Monitoring Council meeting</a>	
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<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>	10 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Monitoring Council relating to any matter within the Council's jurisdiction under <a href="#">California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006)</a> provided the matter is not on the agenda.	

<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Information and potential agenda topics for a future meeting. No decisions can be made regarding items that have not received prior public notice.	
<b>Attachment Link:</b>	<a href="#">California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006)</a>	
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<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>STRATEGIZING THE MONITORING COUNCIL'S FUTURE DIRECTION</b>	100 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Kris Jones will lead a discussion regarding the Monitoring Council's future direction, drawing from feedback received during prior Council meetings and recommendations received during the Subcommittee meeting on July 14.	
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Provide direction to Council staff and fellow Council Members as to potential adjustments in approach and initiatives to enhance the Council's success.	
<b>Attachment Link:</b>	<a href="#">Notes from July 14, 2017 Council Subcommittee meeting</a> <a href="#">Notes from May 23, 2017 Monitoring Council Meeting</a> (see Item 5) <a href="#">Notes from August 18, 2017 Monitoring Council Meeting</a> (see Item 7)	
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<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>Approx. Time:</b>
On your own. Several restaurants on K Street and in close proximity to building.		60 minutes

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>ESTUARY PORTAL ENHANCEMENTS</b>	60 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Amye Osti of 34 North will present on updates to the new California Estuaries Portal (estimated release Spring 2018)	
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Information and comment	
<b>Attachment Link:</b>	<a href="#">Notes from the August 27, 2015 Monitoring Council meeting</a> (Item 5) <a href="#">Notes from the February 23, 2016 Monitoring Council meeting</a> (Item 5d) <a href="#">CA Estuaries Portal</a> – presentation by Val Connor on February 23, 2016	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Amye Osti	<a href="mailto:amye@34north.com">amye@34north.com</a> , (310) 305 -8289

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES</b>	30 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	These are expected to be brief informational items that could be expanded into more detailed discussions at future meetings: a) Meeting Agenda Format Changes (Kris Jones)	

	b) Monitoring Council Position Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Chair representing the Natural Resources Agency (Kris Jones and Taryn Ravazzini)</li> <li>• Public Member (Kris Jones and Ray Hiemstra)</li> <li>• Council Staff Position Changes (Kris Jones)</li> </ul> c) AB 1755, Open and Transparent Water Data Act (Chris McCreedy)
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Information and comment
<b>Attachment Links:</b>	a) <a href="#">AB 1755, The Open and Transparent Water Data Act</a> , chaptered September 23, 2016
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<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>SUPPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS WORKGROUP UNDER THE MONITORING COUNCIL</b>	40 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Eric Stein of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project will provide a brief overview of efforts to develop a framework for establishing statewide environmental instream flow recommendations, followed by a discussion regarding potential Monitoring Council support for a new collaboration effort involving environmental/ecosystem flows and open data.	
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Monitoring Council endorsement of the use of the State Open Data Portal and the Council's My Water Quality website and the establishment of a new workgroup effort to facilitate knowledge transfer and data sharing on statewide environmental instream flows across agencies and programs.	
<b>Attachment Link:</b>	<a href="#">Fact Sheet: Proposed Environmental Flows Workgroup</a> <a href="#">Fact Sheet: Technical Overview of Environmental Flows Workgroup</a>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Eric Stein <a href="mailto:eric@sccwrp.org">eric@sccwrp.org</a> , (714) 755-3233	

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>ECOATLAS BUSINESS PLAN</b>	40 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	Tony Hale of the San Francisco Estuary Institute will present on the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup's (CWMW) EcoAtlas Business Plan.	
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	In the last CWQMC meeting, Tony Hale presented a draft of the Business Plan. Now that it is finalized, we would like to solicit your input on its implementation, identify funding avenues not yet considered, with potential endorsement behind the concept of a multi-agency, multi-organizational steering committee for EcoAtlas.	
<b>Attachment Link:</b>	<a href="#">Proposed final version of the Executive Summary</a> <a href="#">Proposed final version of the Business Plan, including the Executive Summary</a>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Tony Hale <a href="mailto:tonyh@sfei.org">tonyh@sfei.org</a> , (510) 746-7381	

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Approx. Time:</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING AGENDA</b>	10 minutes
<b>Purpose:</b>	<p>Plan agenda for the February 23, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting in Sacramento. Potential items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Continued Monitoring Council strategic planning</li> <li>b) My Water Quality Portals—how can the Council modify its approach for sharing data and information in a way that improves portal usefulness (Kris Jones)</li> <li>c) Interagency Ecological Program governance model – fostering ad hoc teams for specific tasks (Greg Erickson and Sakura Evans of CDFW)</li> <li>d) State stewardship for the National Hydrography Dataset by the Department of Water Resources (Jane Schafer-Kramer, DWR)</li> <li>e) STORMs Monitoring Coordination Framework (Matthew Freese)</li> <li>f) Data management, quality, sharing, and visualization – related to AB 1755, initiatives of the Council’s Data Management Steering Committed and Workgroup, the State Water Board and other departments and organizations, SWAMP (Greg Gearheart, Tony Hale, Melissa Morris, others)</li> </ul>	
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Develop agenda ideas for the February 23, 2018 meeting	
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